

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-17 remain in the application. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended significantly to define the relative positions of the ribs and grooves much more clearly relative to the positions of the resiliently deflectable lock and locking projection. This aspect of the invention is emphasized, for example, in original paragraph 0059 and 0060. In contrast, the elements of U.S. Patent No. 5,037,336 that the Examiner compares to the claimed ribs and grooves actually are the resiliently deflectable locks and the structures with which the locks engage.

The Examiner is urged to contact applicant's attorney at the number below to discuss this draft amendment.

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